

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee  
The Mountaineers, Goodman Room  
February 13, 2013 6 – 7:30 PM

Attending: , Ed Bronsdon, Peter Zimmerman, Aaron Hoard, Loren Hill, , Morgan Collins, Tom Kelly, Heather Burns, Lynn Ferguson (alternate for Rusty Williams), Bonnie Miller (alternate for Nancy Bolin), Margaret Thouless (alternate for Gail Chiarello), Diana Kincaid, Herb Curl

Absent: Rusty Williams, Julianna Ross, Gail Chiarello

Parks staff: Nathan Torgelson, Eric Friedli

Guests: Peggy Printz, Arden Forrey, Mark Grantor, Bill Bradburd, Joshua Welch

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Ed Bronsdon.

The minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with corrections.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Building 11 settlement and update: Eric Friedli, Acting Deputy Superintendent, announced that the law suit by the Building 11 LLC against the City was settled and will be finalized after the City Council Parks Committee and then the full City Council votes at approve the settlement. The \$7.25 million is to compensate the LLC for all construction which is done to SMC specifications. The City will oversee the remaining work to be done through their own inspectors. Not all permitted plans will be completed but all plans that are necessary to make Building 11 Code compliant will be done. Discussion of whether Bright Horizons will seek a lease with the City is not known. Sail Sand Point previously leased their space with the LLC and will necessarily need to now lease the space from the City. Parks does not have the money to make tenant improvements so any future tenants and requested improvements will be negotiated between the tenant and the Parks Department. When asked who writes the leases for Park property, Mr. Friedli replied that there is a template for leases as well as review by Parks real estate personnel and Parks contracts attorney. Parks is looking for an active mix of tenants for future occupancy of Building 11. The money for the settlement comes from the Parks emergency fund (\$1.4 million) and the remaining \$5.85 million will come from the City's emergency fund. The Parks Department is required to pay back the money to the City Emergency Fund from the revenues expected from Building 11. Discussion of the "Public Benefit" of any future tenants requested that the Parks Department be open and transparent with the MPAC before any deal becomes a "done deal".

Obliteride event announcement and brief Q & A: Mark Grantor, representing the event promoter of the fund-raising bicycle ride, described the August 9, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup> impact on the park. Approximately 3,000 riders are expected to gather at Magnuson for the beginning and end of the

25-mile, 50-mile, 100-mile, and 180-mile routes. Parking for participants and their entourages is being explored with neighboring large parking lots and attendees using the shuttle service that will be provided. Vendors and tents will be set up in the grass field along Sportsfield Drive. The riders head north on Sand Point Way NE and, unless arrangements are made with NOAA and Parks to open the fence on 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE in order for participants to exit Magnuson to Sand Point Way, both NE 65<sup>th</sup> and NE 74<sup>th</sup> Streets will be used.

NOAA road construction and trees: Nathan Torgelson reported that communication with NOAA continues and is hopeful that a pilot period for the proposal will happen soon. Concerns for providing traffic calming devices for vehicles using 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE to access the North Shore Recreation Area are in place during the pilot period. Mr. Torgelson reported that any tree removal will require a 3:1 replacement. He was reminded to check the Vegetation Management Plan for Magnuson Park which may require a ratio greater than 3:1 because of the calculation used (VMP uses canopy cover/area of foliage) rather than a simple tree: tree ration. Strong support for delaying any construction on another entry into the park at the Mountaineers building was heard with participants asking that Parks not spend the money on the new entrance if the pilot program of opening the fences along 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE relieves the pressure on the NE 74<sup>th</sup> Street entrance.

Hanger 2 charrette update and next steps: A discussion of the meeting was very much along the lines of the very good summary sent to representatives immediately after the charrette. For a copy of that summary, contact Julianna Ross.

Other comments: Parks has hired private security because of an increase in thefts and car prowls at Magnuson Park. The Park's gate is closed at night on the NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the Natural Area and opened in the morning.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Location is TBD.